

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
EASTERN DIVISION

TIMOTHY L. MOSS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CASE NO. 3:16-CV-944-WKW
)	
CHAMBERS COUNTY DETENTION)	
FACILITY, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE

This 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action is pending before the court on a complaint filed by Timothy L. Moss (“Moss”), an indigent pre-trial detainee. In the instant complaint, Moss challenges conditions at the Chambers County Detention Facility which existed during a prior term of confinement in November of 2016.

Pursuant to the orders of this court, the defendants filed a special report supported by relevant evidentiary materials, including affidavits, medical records and various jail documents, in which they addressed the claims for relief presented in the complaint. The reports and evidentiary materials address the allegations presented by Moss.

In light of the foregoing, the court issued an order directing Moss to file a response to the defendants’ written reports. Doc. No. 35. The order advised Moss that his failure to respond to the reports would be treated by the court “**as an abandonment of the claims set forth in the complaint and as a failure to prosecute this action.**” *Id.* at 1 (emphasis in original). Additionally, the order “**specifically cautioned [the plaintiff]**

that [his failure] to file a response in compliance with the directives of this order” would result in the dismissal of this civil action. *Id.* (emphasis in original). The time allotted Moss for filing a response in compliance with the directives of this order expired on April 28, 2017. Moss has failed to file a response in opposition to the defendants’ written reports. The court therefore concludes that this case should be dismissed.

The court has reviewed the file to determine whether a less drastic measure than dismissal is appropriate. *See Abreu-Velez v. Board of Regents of Univ. System of Georgia*, 248 F. App’x 116, 117-118 (11th Cir. 2007). After such review, the court finds that dismissal of this case is the proper course of action. Initially, the court notes that Moss is an indigent individual and the imposition of monetary or other punitive sanctions against him would be ineffectual. Moreover, Moss’ inaction in the face of the defendants’ reports and evidence suggests a loss of interest in the continued prosecution of this case. Finally, the undisputed evidentiary materials submitted by the defendants indicate that no violations of the Constitution occurred. It therefore appears that any additional effort by this court to secure compliance by Moss would be unavailing and a waste of this court’s scarce resources. Consequently, the court concludes that Moss’ abandonment of his claims and his failure to comply with an order of this court warrant dismissal. *See Moon v. Newsome*, 863 F.2d 835, 837 (11th Cir. 1989) (holding that, generally, where a litigant has been forewarned, dismissal for failure to obey a court order is not an abuse of discretion).

For the above stated reasons, it is the RECOMMENDATION of the Magistrate Judge that this case be dismissed without prejudice.

It is further ORDERED that on or before May 30, 2017 the parties may file objections to the Recommendation. A party must specifically identify the factual findings and legal conclusions in the Recommendation to which the objection is made. Frivolous, conclusive, or general objections to the Recommendation will not be considered. Failure to file written objections to the Magistrate Judge's findings and recommendations in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) shall bar a party from a de novo determination by the District Court of legal and factual issues covered in the Recommendation and waives the right of the party to challenge on appeal the district court's order based on unobjected-to factual and legal conclusions accepted or adopted by the District Court except upon grounds of plain error or manifest injustice. 11TH Cir. R. 3-1; *see Resolution Trust Co. v. Hallmark Builders, Inc.*, 996 F.2d 1144, 1149 (11th Cir. 1993); *Henley v. Johnson*, 885 F.2d 790, 794 (11th Cir. 1989).

DONE, on this the 16th day of May, 2017.

/s/ Susan Russ Walker
Susan Russ Walker
United States Magistrate Judge